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COUNTY TO BEGIN PAJARO LEVEE REPAIR & REINFORCEMENT

Due to signs of seepage along an earthen levee, the County of Santa Cruz will engage in emergency repair along the Pajaro River levee system.

The repair – known as a “seepage berm” – will occur in an agricultural area more than a mile upstream of the confluence of the Pajaro River and Salsipuedes Creek. The work will commence on the morning of January 11 and will take approximately one week to complete.

The work is similar to an emergency 1,600-foot repair completed in 2017 just south of the area of concern. The seepage berm adds support and structure to the levee system, and will support the levee until levee replacement work previously authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commences.

The contractor is Granite Rock. The County will continue monitoring the levee overnight for any other signs of seepage or other concerns.